

II. AMENDMENT TO THE CLAIMS

Amendments Made Herein and Summary of Status of Claims

- **Please cancel claim 30 without prejudice.**

Claims 1 – 29 remain after the amendments set forth below are entered. Claims 1, 7, 10, 11, 12, 16, 19, 20, 21, 23, 24, 28, and 29 were amended in the “Amendment and Response To Office Action of June 19, 2002” (paper no. 6). Claim 30 which was also added in the “Amendment and Response To Office Action of June 19, 2002” (paper no. 6) is cancelled without prejudice herein.

Statement with Respect to Scope of Amended and Non-Amended Claims

Revisions to the claim set is made in order to streamline prosecution of this case in order to obtain early allowance of embodiments that are presently anticipated to be of commercial significance. It is asserted that claim revisions are not made for a purpose of patentability. Any amendment, cancellation, withdrawal or addition made herein with respect to the claims should not be construed in any manner as indicating Applicants’ surrender of any subject matter of the application, or surrender of any equivalent to any element asserted in one or more claims. Any narrowing which may be evinced with respect to subject matter covered by the claims as a whole, or by one or more claims of the appended claims whether amended, re-represented, or new, when compared to claims previously in the application, should not be interpreted as indicating that the Applicants have generally disclaimed the territory between the original claimed subject matter and the amended claimed subject matter. Amended claims elements are to be construed to include substantial equivalents known to those of ordinary skill in the art. Applicants assert that any amendments transacted herein are made without prejudice and reserve all rights to prosecute any canceled claims, and claim structures preceding any amendment to a particular claim, and other disclosed (but not presently claimed) embodiments in the application, in future continuation applications, divisional applications, continuation-in-part applications, continuing prosecution applications, requests for continuing examination, re-examination applications and any other application claiming priority to the present application.

▪ **COMPLETE LIST OF CLAIMS THAT ARE OR HAVE BEEN BEFORE THE OFFICE
AFTER ENTRANCE OF THE AMENDMENTS MADE HEREIN**

The following claims constitute a complete list of claims that are or have been before the office after entrance of the amendments made herein. Amendments to the claims are indicated in accord with Revised 37 C.F.R. §1.121. In accord with such regulation, the listing of claims set forth below replaces all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application, with cancelled and not entered claims not being re-presented:

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